

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

The following abstract will replace all prior versions of the abstract in the application:

The device for the processing of bank notes has a modular design. It has at least one inlet (311) and at least one outlet (361.1, 361.2). The device contains a fixed part (1) and interchangeable mobile modules (31-36) each for performing a complete processing function upon the bank note-like objects to be processed. The modules (31-36) are insertable into the fixed part (1) in such a manner, that a desired work sequence for processing the bank notes is performable. To such an extent as is possible, electric lines, components and motors (41) are mounted on the fixed part (1); the forces and/or torques required by the modules (31-36) are transmitted to the modules by means of transmission (51.1, 52.1). The modules (31-36) are pluggable into pins (2.1, 2.2, ...) attached to the fixed part (1), so that they are easily insertable, removable, or interchangeable. The modules (31-36) are selectable from a set of different modules and are combinable in almost any possible manner, so that with this a multitude of freely selectable processing sequences is implementable. The device includes a feeder unit having at least one drivable feeding roller, an inlet for supporting bank note-like objects and from which the bank note-like objects are moved into contact with the at least one drivable feeding roller under a pressure force, at least one transport roller, at least one movable pressure roller that is urged in the direction of the transport roller by retro-acting forces, and at least one retaining roller located opposite the

transport roller. When a first one of the bank note-like objects comes into contact with the feeding roller under the pressure force, the first one of the bank note-like objects is accelerated such that the first one of the bank note-like objects moves between the transport roller and the pressure roller.